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Source, Operational Data, and Comments:

1. The information contained in this report was received by Source from [redacted] when the latter was in Tokyo between 29 December 1951 and 17 January 1952.

2. [redacted] claims he is not giving money to HARUKE, but we have doubts. Otherwise, HARUKE is being paid by the KINOSHITA Shoten Company, his cover firm, and by TANAKA Toshibumi, and possibly by HATTORI Takahiro. [redacted] claims also that HATTORI has furnished HARUKE with neither salary nor operational expenses. In view of the cavalier manner in which HARUKE has disregarded HATTORI's Hokkaido interests in deference to TANAKA Toshibumi's and his own [redacted] this might be true.

3. There are three TANAKA's in this report: TANAKA Toshibumi is Governor of Hokkaido, TANAKA Seijun is a Tokyo businessman, and TANAKA Tadakatsu is working for the Maritime Safety Agency in Hokkaido. A fourth TANAKA, Kanae, who appears in ZJL-792, is associated with Mainichi Press and Radio Tokyo, and is a contact of HARUKE, one whom HARUKE tried to interest in information on the Hokkaido Defense Research Committee.

4. Institution of the Hokkaido Defense Research Committee on an overt basis would seem to be impossible so long as the Left Socialists are powerful in Hokkaido. In connection with Paragraph 6, TSUZUKI Nosaburo, head of the Left Socialists, stated two or three days ago that he would welcome unification of the Socialist Party if the Rightist faction accepted the principles of no government and no stationing of U.S. troops in Japan.

5. HARUKE intends to publish a summary of what he has learned in Hokkaido in the magazine "Kaiso," which has been mentioned in recent [redacted] reports ZJL-783 and ZJL-792.

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Subject: HARUKE Yoshitane's December Report No: ZJL-795  
1951 Activities in Hokkaido. (FD-224)

Date of Information: October-December 1951.

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1. Governor of Hokkaido TANAKA Toshimori is receiving financial support for his Hokkaido Defense Research Committee (HOKKAIDO ERI KENKYU JINKAI) from MUNAKATA Seigen (ムナカタセイゲン), a former JDP member who renounced Communism and is now a business man living in Tokyo. The amount is not large. HARUKE is being paid a small salary from this fund.
2. ICHIMADA Hisato, president of the Bank of Japan, is a backer of TANAKA Toshimori in spirit. One FUJIMATSU (fmu) (フジマツ), chief of the Sapporo branch of the Bank, is working under ICHIMADA's personal direction to aid TANAKA Toshimori.
3. FUJIMATSU was previously secretary to MUNAKATA Hisanori (ムナカタヒサノリ), and admires MUNAKATA more than ICHIMADA.<sup>2</sup> FUJIMATSU has started a movement in cooperation with the chief of one of the bureaus of the Bank, a nephew of MATSUYAMA Ichiro, to make MUNAKATA either Foreign Minister or President of the Bank of Japan.
4. HARUKE has been friendly with FUJIMATSU ever since the latter was MUNAKATA's secretary. Governor TANAKA puts much trust in FUJIMATSU.
5. The person within the Government of Hokkaido in whom Governor TANAKA places most trust is KOTAKI (fmu) (コタキ), chief of the Forestry Department. KOTAKI is a graduate of Kyushu Imperial University where he was a classmate of Governor TANAKA, and he has been a superior of TANAKA previously. KOTAKI worked for the Economic Stabilization Board before coming with the Forestry Department. He aided TANAKA in his campaign for Governorship and has helped in other matters since.
6. According to TANAKA Toshimori, the purpose of the Defense Council is two-fold: overtly, to arouse the people's concern with the defense of Hokkaido; covertly to take substantial defense preparations... without the backing of the left-wing Socialists, however, a campaign of this type cannot hope to get the backing of the people of Hokkaido, TANAKA believes. When TANAKA went to Tokyo in October 1951, he gave an outline of his defense program to MIURA Kaneshichi (ミウラカネシチ), then Secretary-General of the Liberal Party. A newspaperman got hold of the plan and news of TANAKA

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project spread back to Hokkaido, where the dominant "left-wing socialists reacted against the possibility of Liberal Party sponsorship of, and therefore dominance over, the Defense Council. The Left and Right Socialists have an equal number of seats in the Hokkaido "refectory Assembly, but the anti-TANAKA faction outnumbers the pro-TANAKA's. The rupture of the Socialist Party in Hokkaido which would result from the Governor's formation of a Defense Council at this time would cause the fall of TANAKA from his position as Governor in the next election. Therefore, TANAKA has decided not to form the committee immediately, but intends to sponsor lecture-discussion meetings with those who know the defense problems and to publish a pamphlet containing the transactions of the lectures. The money to publish the pamphlets would be supplied by TANAKA Seigen.

Before hiring HARUKE, TANAKA Toshikuni had placed under his service former Lieutenant Colonel TANAKA Tadakatsu (田中忠勝) and KUZUMI (久慈) (久慈一郎) as advisers on the subject of defense. KUZUMI reportedly was hired on the recommendation of one ARAKAWA (荒川) (天川), former Navy instructor, and TANAKA Seigen. TANAKA Tadakatsu and KUZUMI are part-time employees of the Forestry Department.

Shortly after taking office as Chief of the Investigation Section, General Inspection Department, Second Jurisdictional District, National Police Reserve, a certain former Navy officer, whose name was not reported by Source, paid a courtesy visit to HARUKE and seemed to know of HARUKE's work. HARUKE assumed that the lead must have come from TANAKA Toshikuni himself. TANAKA admitted having said something about HARUKE to TANAKA (田中) (田中一郎), chief of the Police Security (警察保安), who was formerly in the Navy. TANAKA believes OOO passed along the information to the Navy circle.

TANAKA Tadakatsu and KUZUMI are businessmen engaged in doing a port survey to establish a training base for the Maritime Safety Agency. HARUKE may use these two to relay messages to TANAKA Toshikuni from now on instead of contacting Governor TANAKA directly, considering his own contact with TANAKA might be construed as action for the purpose of furthering the Defense Committee plan. Previously, KOTANI has been courier between the two. ODAKI suggested FUJIMATSU as the new courier, since HARUKE wished to dissociate himself from members of the Hokkaido government. HARUKE, who is noted in paragraph 4, had known FUJIMATSU, agreed to the plan, and will use FUJIMATSU's house for direct contact with Governor TANAKA.

10. Both TANAKA Toshikuni and KOTANI are old friends of former Colonel FUJIWARA Iwaochi. Governor TANAKA had originally contacted FUJIWARA through KOTANI to get a successor to TANAKA Tadakatsu, and FUJIWARA referred it to HATTORI Takushiro. HATTORI wanted to get HARUKE into Hokkaido under cover and also considered that HARUKE could help Governor TANAKA as well. He therefore approached Source to get help in persuading HARUKE to go to Hokkaido. Through MATSUDAIRA Masateru of the YAMATA Steel Company, Inc., Source had earlier arranged for HARUKE to be employed by the KINOSHITA

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Commercial Company, Inc. (KINOSHITA STOREN K.K.), HARUKE had just begun to work there in September 1951 and was therefore reluctant to leave his new responsibility. Again through MATSUOKA, source was able to arrange it so that HARUKE could become the Hokkaido agent for KINOSHITA. This way, the cover he actually both gave and HARUKE have gone considerably close linking up business for HARUKE's Hokkaido agency or KINOSHITA.

**REF:**

1. Field Agent. ICHIMURA appears in C-2 report ZIL-760, footnote 5, as a relative of TOSHIRO KUROKI, a member of the KINOSHITA K.K.
2. Field Agent. See ZIL-792. MURAMAKI is President of the International Trading Company, Inc., of Tokyo.
3. Field Agent. Source had previously reported KOMATSU served as the General Director of Section, Hokkaido government (ref. ZIL-774) which he corrected on January 1952. He also indicated that the correct reading was KOMATSU not KOMAKI.
4. Field Agent. See ZIL-732 and particularly ZIL-774, para. 3.